

1999 Water Management Plan

Clarence Cannon NWR (3/22/99)

- Unit 1 - Drop water level to improve nesting habitat for bitterns.
- Unit 2 - Hold water for yellow rail migration/nesting habitat.
- Unit 3 - Hold for now, possibly draw down mid-summer. Check for beaver activity.
- Unit 4 - Hold water level and it will gradually seep. Woody Invasion?
- Unit 5 - Gradual draw down thru April, creating mudflats (shorebirds).
- Unit 6 - Hold for now, consider dropping water level early to mid summer (check willow inv.) (Rail activity).
- Unit 7 - Draw down in preparation for farming, check upper fields, check for beaver in structure.
- Unit 8 - Hold water level, draw down mid-summer, July, so JT can disc W side. (Shorebirds)
- Unit 9 - Hold water level, check for plugs or chewing thru boards (Night-herons).
- Unit 10 - Hold water level, shallow for spike rush in SW corner (rails).
- Unit 11 - Draw down water for farming (shorebirds).
- Unit 12 - Hold water level for now, look at in early summer (rails).
- Big Pond - Draw down for shorebirds thru April, check S end for mud flats and erosion.
- Supply Pond - Hold water for now, consider draw down (rails?).
- Goose Pasture - Consider draw down (rails).
- Crane Pond - Release water at the outlet structure, open 1 gate, it never dries completely.
- Rabbit ears - Hold water unless interrupting with JT farming.

Delair Division

- Cattail Marsh - Draw down below full, do not lower inside ditch, monitor beaver activity.
- Sny Structure - Draw down
- Hanei - Draw down mid-summer, July for walter's millet.
- Upper/Lower Swan - Draw down early June.
- Butcher Pond - Draw down mid-summer, check for beaver activity.
- Rick's Structure - Leave for now, early May draw down for DC farming.
- Shoveler Marsh - Crack a board over next 2-3 weeks, draw down within the ditch.

Gregory Landing Division

- Clean plugged structure on W side.